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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al. :

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095 :

FILING DATE: December 20, 2000

: Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form :

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Reconsideration of the rejections therein is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and comments that follow.

A copy of the claims status is presented as the following item, starting on the next sheet.